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Dear Interested Party,

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Foothills Timber Sale Project is enclosed. The FEIS can also be viewed electronically by going to the DNRC website (http://dnrc.mt.gov/env_docs/default.asp) and scrolling to Timber/Forest Related EA's and EIS's.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), in combination with the enclosed document has been accepted as the Final EIS. This document contains changes and corrections (errata) made to the DEIS, DNRC responses to public comments received during review of the DEIS, and a proposed decision.

Action Alternative B has been chosen as the proposed decision with modifications detailed in the errata. Specific changes include: 1) moving the boundary of harvest unit BC2 below Trail #544 so as not to impact the trail, 2) have a no cut buffer of at least 50 feet on all perennial streams.

A Decision Notice will be issued 15 calendar days after the publication of the FEIS. Please contact the Foothills project leader, Pete Seigmund, at (406) 751-2266 or pseigmund@mt.gov with any questions. Thank you for your time and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Poncin".

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